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Letter of Support for the Project: City Watersheds of Sonoma Valley

Dear Ms. McLean:

Sonoma Ecology Center is pleased to partner with Sonoma County Water Agency on a grant proposal to the Stormwater Flood Management Proposition 1E program for the City Watersheds of Sonoma Valley project. This grant is important to the continuing efforts by SEC, the Water Agency, and the City of Sonoma to manage water needs while improving watershed function.

For more than 20 years, SEC has worked with the Sonoma Valley community to sustain and enhance ecological health here. We have partnered with the Water Agency on many projects, including groundwater recharge mapping for the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program, fish habitat and population studies, instream and riparian restoration, debris management, and hydrology studies. These efforts demonstrate a shared commitment to the stewardship of Sonoma Valley's natural resources, and document the productive relationship between SEC and the Water Agency.

For the City Watersheds project, we will contribute our expertise in enhancing habitat and creating educational public places, including design, planting, trail building, and interpretive displays. We will also connect the community to the project by conducting outreach and overseeing volunteer involvement. This project is a priority for us, and will benefit our community.

Sonoma Ecology Center gives the City Watersheds of Sonoma Valley project our fullest support, and recommends its sponsorship by DWRd. We look forward to hearing of its success.

Sincerely,

/s/

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